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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5475**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE BODY-WORN RECORDING EQUIPMENT TASK FORCE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 1 of public act 17-225 is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) There is established a task force to examine the use of body-worn
6 recording equipment by state and municipal police in accordance with
7 section 29-6d of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public
8 act 17-225. Such task force shall examine (1) whether such statute
9 should be expanded or otherwise amended, including, but not limited
10 to, a consideration of whether such statute or any other statute should
11 address the use of electronic defense weapon recording equipment, as
12 defined in section 7-277b of the general statutes, as amended by [this
13 act] public act 17-225, (2) training associated with the use of such
14 equipment, [and] (3) data storage and freedom of information issues

15 associated with the data created by the use of such equipment, and (4)
16 under what circumstances, if any, should (A) a police officer be
17 permitted to review a recording from body-worn recording equipment
18 prior to giving a formal statement about the use of force by such officer
19 or another officer, and (B) members of the public or alleged victims or
20 their family members be permitted to review a recording from body-
21 worn recording equipment during an investigation or following an
22 allegation of excessive use of force by a police officer.

23 (b) The task force shall consist of (1) the following members or their
24 designees: (A) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
25 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
26 matters relating to the judiciary and public safety, (B) the Chief State's
27 Attorney, (C) the Chief Public Defender, and (D) the chairperson of the
28 Freedom of Information Commission; (2) (A) an active or retired judge
29 appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, (B) a municipal
30 police chief appointed by the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs
31 Association, (C) a representative of the Police Officer Standards and
32 Training Council, (D) a representative of the State Police Training School
33 appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
34 Protection, and (E) a representative of the criminal defense bar appointed
35 by the president of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers
36 Association; (3) six public members, [appointed one each] one appointed
37 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one appointed by the speaker
38 of the House of Representatives [,] who represents or is a member of a
39 family of a person who died due to the use of force by a police officer,
40 one appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore, one
41 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one appointed by the
42 majority leader of the House of Representatives and one appointed by
43 the minority leader of the House of Representatives who represents or is
44 a family member of a family of a police officer who died in the line of
45 duty; and (4) four sworn police officers, (A) one of whom is a member of
46 the Connecticut State Police Union, appointed by the president pro
47 tempore of the Senate, (B) one of whom is a member of a municipal police
48 department that serves a municipality with seventy-five thousand
49 residents or more, appointed by the speaker of the House of

50 Representatives, (C) one of whom who is female, appointed by the Senate
51 Republican president pro tempore, and (D) one of whom is a member of
52 a municipal police department that serves a municipality with less than
53 seventy-five thousand residents, appointed by the minority leader of the
54 House of Representatives.

55 (c) Not later than [February 1, 2018] January 1, 2019, the task force
56 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall report its
57 findings and any recommendations for legislation to the joint standing
58 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
59 relating to the judiciary and public safety, in accordance with section 11-
60 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that
61 it submits such report or [February 1, 2018] January 1, 2019, whichever
62 is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 17-225, Sec. 1